



Department of Pesticide Regulation



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Dear Environmental Justice Stakeholder:

Recently, we requested comments on a proposed EJ pilot project to conduct air monitoring in a Central Valley farming community. (For more information on the project and our request for comments, see our handout, www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/envjust/documents/ej_pilot.pdf.)

One commenter suggested we provide maps of reported pesticide use to help interested parties make more knowledgeable recommendations on where monitoring should be conducted. To help us in our own analysis, we have produced a series of maps indicating relative use of 43 targeted pesticides in the San Joaquin Valley in 2002. Each map displays the amount of pounds applied in a township (6-by-6 mile area) for an individual pesticide. The pesticides included are candidates for DPR's ambient air monitoring pilot project as part of Cal/EPA's environmental justice action plan. DPR may not be able to monitor for all of 43 pesticides.

Please note that each map represents the reported use of a single pesticide. We do not have the resources to produce a single map showing relative use of multiple chemicals.

It should also be noted that all agricultural use must be reported but outside of agriculture, only structural use by professional applicators is subject to reporting requirements. All home-and-garden use by private individuals is exempt from reporting and therefore is not represented on the maps.

The maps are in PDF format, and an Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 or higher is required to view them. (The reader is available as a free download from www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html.) If you want to get an idea what the maps look like, we have attached a low-resolution copy of one map. The actual maps are higher resolution. Because of the size of the map files--more than 1 megabyte each--they are impractical to email or post on our Web site as a download. However, we will be glad to provide them to interested parties at no charge on a CD. Please email your request to ejjustice@cdpr.ca.gov, or call Veda Federighi, 916-445-3974. Include your full postal mailing address.

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